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To the Honorable President and Members, The Senate of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Section 33, Substitute Senate Bill No. 5151 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to foster care and child care licensing by the department of children, youth, and families."

Section 33 is a null and void clause. It provides that if specific funding for the purposes of Section 29, a section related to prohibiting charging licensees for obtaining a child care license, is not provided in the omnibus appropriations act, then Section 29 is null and void. Although the omnibus appropriations act references Section 29 of this bill, it does not provide specific funding for Section 29. Section 33 must be vetoed so that Section 29 can be implemented.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 33 of Substitute Senate Bill No. 5151.

With the exception of Section 33, Substitute Senate Bill No. 5151 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Inslee

Governor